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BLACK AND WHITE WARBLERS

In "Bird-Life of San Francisco Bay Region", by Joseph Grinnell and Margaret W. Wythe under the Black and White Warbler, we read: "An eastern species found only as a rare migrant in the Bay Region. First recorded instance of occurrence is for Farallon Islands, a male being secured there by W. O. Emerson, May 28, 1887 More recently has been reported on the University of California campus" and the following dates are recorded March 18, 1915, at intervals during March 1919, and October 3 to 20, 1924.

On September 15, 1934, one was reported as being seen by Mr. B. C. Bremer at North Lake, Golden Gate Park. Mr. Bremer gave this information to Mr. Carl R. Smith, who doubting the observation, reported it as a Black-throated Gray Warbler, and it was so recorded in the November 1934 Gull.

December 20, 1934, this species was again seen at Middle Lake by Fritz Lippmann. He got in touch with Mr. Bremer and was told that his word would not be accepted as we had not taken Mr. Bremer's record. Later Fritz told me about it and in taking it up with Mr. Bremer the above story came out. Talking it over with the President of the Association at that time she stated "that we had better forget it as it could not now be checked". Later I was asked by Dr. Grinnell if I had seen this species and telling him the above circumstances he replied: "He was inclined to believe it possible as there was one on the campus about the same time."

Then in 1938 Mr. Charles W. Michael reported one on September 28th at the Chain of Lakes, and it was so recorded in the November 1938 Gull. Miss Selmer Werner also stated that she had seen it.

Now, again one was seen on the south side of Metson Lake, September 21, 1952, by Joel Hedgpeth, and the record is not accepted. The observers gave a perfect description of the species, even to the fact that it acted like a Creeper going up and around the trunk of the tree.

I would like to put this information on record so that others may be induced to look more carefully during fall and winter months for this species as there may be more of these warblers about than is believed.

Laura A. Stephens, San Francisco, California, November 4, 1952.

October — GOLDEN GATE PARK — Trip

About thirty members and their friends gathered at 10 a.m. at the 43rd Avenue and Fulton Street entrance to Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, on the cold, foggy morning of October 25th. There was an overcast sky the rest of the day. One of the men had brought along some grain which he scattered over the lawn and this brought Mallard Ducks and Coots from all directions. We walked around the Chain of Lakes, the Arboretum, Stow Lake and Metson Lake. Great numbers of birds were on all the lakes, the Mallards predominating.

Land birds were few and far between and due to the poor visibility identification was difficult. We were well rewarded, however, when at 3:45 came the highlight of the day, two beautiful male Wood Ducks and a female seen on Metson Lake.

The list of forty-one species is as follows:

Eared and pied-bl. grebe; mallard; baldpate; pintail; shoveller; wood duck; ringed-nk. duck; canvas-back; lesser scaup; ruddy duck; quail; coot; west., Calif., ring-bl. gull; Anna hummingbird; red-sh. flicker; downy woodpecker; black phoebe; chickadee; bush-tit, red-br. nuthatch; winter and marsh wren; robin; hermit thrush; golden-cr. and ruby-cr. kinglet; Audubon, myrtle, and Townsend warbler; yellow-throat; Brewer blackbird; house finch; pine siskin; junco; Nuttall, golden-cr., fox, and song sparrow.

LAURA A. STEPHENS, *Leader and Historian.*

OBSERVATIONS

Edited by JUNE A. KELLY

Great Horned Owl, Oct. 14 and almost any evening perched in eucalyptus trees near Campus Drive and Delmar, Berkeley, Nedra B. Belloc.

No. phalarope, Heermann Gull, Oct. 4, Berkeley Aquatic Park; Pileolated Warbler and Varied Thrush, Oct. 4, Jewel Lake; Yellow-throat, Oct 5, Strawberry Canyon; Horned Grebe, Oct. 11, Lake Merritt; one male Hooded Oriole, Oct. 12, El Cerrito; Osprey and several Pigmy Nuthatches, Oct. 26; A. Laurence Curl.

Golden-crowned Kinglets, Oct. 19, Chain of Lakes, Joel T. Hedgpeth.

During October, I had two reports of Chickadees in Alameda—Lillian Stockwell on Bay St., and Vira Scott on Van Buren St. As far as I know these are the first seen in Alameda.

On Nov. 1 and again on Nov. 16 Bob Traxal found a single Red Phalarope washed ashore, west end of Alameda. Nov. 17 saw a Holboell Grebe off shore at west end.

One pair Hooded Mergansers, Orinda Lake, Nov. 17, Perle Froehlich.

3 Burrowing Owls, 35 Long-billed Curlews, Nov. 11; Short-billed Gulls, Nov. 12, Bay Farm Island; 1 Red Phalarope, 500 more or less Pine Siskins, St. Mary's, Nov. 15; Golden-crowned Kinglets and Varied Thrushes have been seen on all field trips to suitable habitats during Oct. and Nov. to date. Junea W. Kelly.

EVENING GROSBELLS were seen feeding on the fruits of Box Elder (*Acer negundo*) and Oregon Ash (*Fraxinus Oregonica*) Oct. 15 at the bridge at Ross. On Nov. 18 six birds of this species were feeding in the same place. Now the trees are bare of leaves and as the crop of fruit is very heavy, these birds may stay there until the food is gone. On Nov. 18 an ANTHONY GREEN HERON was seen in these same trees. Junea W. Kelly.

November — LOS BANOS GAME REFUGE — Trip

Fifty-five members and guests of the Monterey Peninsula, Santa Clara Valley and Golden Gate Audubon Societies enjoyed a beautiful sunny day at the Los Banos Game Refuge on November 16th.

Mr. Charles Anderson of the Monterey Society and Mr. Lane of the Game Refuge personnel, led the 12 car caravan, thru the Refuge. Many flights of from six to twenty Sandhill cranes were seen, plus many thousands of geese and ducks.

One of the highlights was an estimated 150,000 ducks, all visible at one time while resting on an open body of water.

Ten varieties were seen en route to the Refuge as follows: Turkey vulture; Calif. quail; west. and ring-bl. gull; acorn woodpecker; horned lark; scrub jay; yellow-bl. magpie; brown towhee and lark sparrow.

The following 59 species were observed at the Refuge:

Eared and pied-bl. grebe; white pelican; double-cr. cormorant; gr. blue heron; Amer. and snowy egret; black-cr. night heron; Amer. bittern; Canada, white-fronted, snow and Ross goose; mallard; baldpate; pintail, green-wg. and cinnamon teal; shoveller; scaup; buffle-head; ruddy duck; red-tl. hawk; golden eagle; marsh and sparrow hawk; ringed-nk. pheasant; little brown (Sandhill) crane; Florida gallinule; coot; killdeer; willet; gr. yellow-legs; dowitcher; Calif. gull; mourning dove; barn owl; bl. kingfisher; red-sh. flicker; black phoebe; violet-gr. swallow; crow; marsh wren; mockingbird; robin; russet-bk. thrush; west. bluebird; ruby-cr. kinglet; Amer. pipit; loggerhead shrike; Audubon warbler; house sparrow; meadowlark; red-wing and Brewer blackbird; savannah, white-cr., fox and song sparrow.

CARLYLE SATHER, *Historian*.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome the following; from San Francisco, Mr. Wm. Dorffi, Miss Anne Elvigan, Mrs. Geo. Johnson, Miss Shirley Lee-Poo, Mrs. Budd J. Smith; from Oakland, Mrs. James B. Lindford; from Berkeley, Mrs. Louise D. Gloor, Mr. Guy M. Heinke; from Lafayette, Mrs. Wm. M. Owens; from Mill Valley, Mrs. Robt. W. Noyes; from Kentfield, Mr. Thos. T. Kent; from Hayward, Miss Gladys Boone.

DECEMBER MEETING

The 423rd meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held in the West Auditorium of the Oakland Public Library, Oak and 14th Streets, on December 11th, at 7:30 p.m. Following the business meeting, Mr. Carl H. Fox will show some of his color motion pictures of interesting birds and places. No-host dinner at Zerikote's on Lake Merritt at six o'clock.

DOROTHY DEAN SCOTT, *Program Chairman.*

DECEMBER — CONN LAKE — TRIP

On Sunday, December 14 to Conn Lake in Napa County. Conn Lake, being a refuge, should be a good place to see ducks and other water birds during the hunting season. Last year on this trip fourteen species of ducks, Whistling Swans, White-Tailed Kites and Red-bellied Hawks were seen. Transportation by private car. Meet at the bridge on the Silverado Trail a mile or so north of Napa at 9:30. The turnoff for Conn Lake is on the Silverado Trail 16 miles north of Napa. Watch for a sharp right turn. Leader, Harry C. Adamson, Lafayette 2164. Bring lunch, binoculars, telescope and interested friends.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

The annual San Francisco Count will be taken Sunday, December 21st. Those wishing to participate, communicate with Arthur H. Myer, 25 El Camino Real, Berkeley 5, BERkeley 7-3080.

The East Bay Area Count will be taken Sunday, December 28th. Those wishing to participate communicate with Larry Curl, 7360 Rockway Ave., El Cerrito, LANDscape 6-7004.

These counts are taken at this time all over the United States and are tabulated and compiled by National Audubon. They are an important scientific activity of Audubon Societies.

—HARRY C. ADAMSON, *Chairman,*
Field Trips Committee.

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